

Pribilof Islands Collaborative Steering Committee Meeting

November 9, 2004 8:30AM teleconference

Steering Committee meeting

Agenda and meeting summary

NOTE: Action items are highlighted in yellow

**Next Steering Committee/ Planning meeting: Friday November 19, 2004 9:00AM
Alaska time (10:00AM Seattle time)**

Present: Evie Witten, Meg King, Denise Woods, Randy Hagenstein, Debbie Lestenkof, Max Malavansky Jr., Andy Malavansky, Dennis Lekanof, Lori Swanson

Agenda

1. Check-in re: caucus meetings (are we keeping everyone informed?)
2. L&TEK survey: decision on proposal from Henry Huntington
3. Discussion re: fundraising
4. Decision re: Data group recommendations
5. Discussion re: Longer term socioeconomic and L&TEK research/NPRB proposal
6. Plan for the whole PIC process

Meeting summary:

1. Check-in re: caucus meetings (are we keeping everyone informed?)
 - The Steering Committee agreed at the August meeting to better inform the constituents of the various Stakeholder groups as to developments/ gather input re: what constitutes long-term success for the PIC
 - Toward this goal, Meg has produced templates to help constituents report on what long-term success of the PIC would entail
 - Steering Committee members need to set up times to meet with their constituents to address the templates or, alternatively, take advantage of events where constituents will be gathering and talk to them there
 - Steering Committee has agreed to meet with constituents by late-November
 - Denise will re-circulate the templates with the Nov 15 Weekly Update
2. L&TEK survey: decision on proposal from Henry Huntington
 - Recommendation to Steering Committee is to pursue a pilot L&TK study, conducted by Henry Huntington, prior to the January meeting (with a separate longer-term proposal to the NPRB to come from one of the islands by December 10- see #5 below)
 - Decision on funding the pilot project to wait until there is a better analysis of the current PIC budget to determine if funds needed for the study are available (e.g. St George could apply for American Seafoods grant, asking for \$5000 to be matched by a PIC Industry group- or PIC's NMFS funds, if necessary)
 - Evie to contact Heather, Larry and Joe for their input before decision is made on whether to recommend St. George apply for the ASF grant

3. Fundraising

- Updates:
 - Oak Foundation proposal all but confirmed
 - Allen Foundation proposal denied
 - Congressional delegation request: needs support of industry
 - Randy will ask Larry, Paul, Joe and Heather to do their best to move this forward
 - APIA and CBSFA have sent \$2500 each
 - Aleut Corp: Anthony has sent Martha M. a letter; no word yet
- Randy and Joe have talked about going to Industry for some PIC funds (so far from MCA, APICDA, and CBSFA)
- Meg suggests we try for a National Science Foundation grant
 - Henry has connections at NSF- Randy will ask him his opinion when H. returns Dec 1
- Actions:
 - Evie and Meg will work to update the budget and will present the information at the next PIC meeting (Fur Seal Meeting Planning Group meets tomorrow, Nov 10 10:00AM/ SC to meet Nov 19 9:00AM) so that a decision re: whether to fund the pilot L&TK project can be made

4. Decision re: Data group recommendations

- Discussion of recommendations related to data collection and management that were made during Sept 24 Data Workgroup meeting (see “data group meeting summary 24Sept04” in Nov1 Weekly Update)
- **Decision:** Steering Committee members present agree to recommend the PIC adopt the recommendations during the January meeting

5. Discussion re: Longer term socioeconomic and L&TEK research/NPRB proposal

- The PIC Steering Committee and Data Workgroup both reached consensus that, beyond a pilot project, we would support/endorse a proposal to NPRB for socioeconomic and LTK research/data analysis to inform the PIC process.
- There was further agreement that the proposal should come from the Tribal Government of either St. Paul or St. George, with Ecotrust and Henry Huntington as the Principle Investigators for the socioeconomics and LTK, respectively.
 - While one of the tribes will submit the proposal, they will need Ecotrust and Henry to supply all the text pertaining to the proposed work.
 - Note that Henry is traveling until Dec 1 but has committed to substantial work on the proposal on his return.
- The questions that remain are:
 1. Whether we should submit one comprehensive proposal or two coordinated proposals.
Next step: Clarence Pautzke suggests Astrid discuss this directly with him
 2. Which Island will take the lead on the proposal(s).
Next step: Tribes should decide ASAP who will take the lead

6. Plan for the whole PIC process

- See #1 above: SC members will meet with constituents before end of November to address the templates Meg created

Announcement: Evie announced that she will be leaving WWF (and administration of the PIC) on December 10th to pursue a new career opportunity.

- There will be discussion at the next Steering Committee meeting about how to fill the enormous gap she will be leaving (e.g. January meeting planning/ inviting experts, running PIC Steering Committee meetings, developing meeting agendas, keeping up to date budget and fund raising tables, etc.)